

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**International Trade Administration** 

[Application No. 85-17A18]

**Export Trade Certificate of Review** 

ACTION: Notice of Application to Amend the Export Trade Certificate of Review Issued to U.S. Shippers Association no. 85-17A18.

SUMMARY: The Office of Competition and Economic Analysis ("OCEA") of the International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review ("Certificate"). This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Flynn, Director, Office of Competition and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at etca@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in

compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

## **Request for Public Comments**

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked as privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential.

An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7025, Washington, DC 20230.

Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 85-17A18."

The U.S. Shippers Association's original Certificate was issued on June 3, 1986 (51 FR 20873,

June 9, 1986), and last amended on April 6, 2006 (71 FR 18721, April 12, 2006). A summary of the current application for an amendment follows.

## **Summary of the Application**

Applicant: U.S. Shippers Association ("USSA")

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<u>Date Deemed Submitted</u>: November 21, 2012

Proposed Amendment: USSA seeks to amend its Certificate to:

Add each of the following companies and persons as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 C.F.R. 325.2(1)):

- a) Phibro Animal Health Corporation, 300 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Teaneck, NJ 07666, and
- b) Altimore Consultants, LLC, 17202 Pleasant Road, Needville, TX 77461.

In addition, the following member has been subject to a purchase:

Rhodia, Inc., Cranbury, NJ 08512-7500 has been purchased by Solvay America, Inc.,

Houston, TX 77098, which also owns member Solvay Chemicals, Inc. of the same address.

The following companies are deleted as members:

Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Houston, TX

KRATON Polymers U.S. LLC, Houston, TX

Sartomer USA, LLC, Exton, Pa

Shell Chemical and Oil Products Companies, Houston, TX

Taminco, Inc., Taminco Higher Amines, Inc., and Taminco Methylamines, Inc.,

Allentown, PA

Dated: November 30, 2012

Joseph E. Flynn, Director

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